

# Inter – Municipal Cooperation Continues

As was previously reported in an earlier edition of In Millcreek Magazine, Millcreek Township, Millcreek Township Sewer Authority, the city of Erie, Erie Sewer Authority and Greene Township continue to work together striving to achieve serving Greene Township's environmental and development efforts by planning for the Route 8 (Wattsburg Road) sanitary sewer connection which will transport sanitary sewerage generated within Greene Township to flow through facilities of Millcreek Township Sewer Authority and into the city of Erie's sanitary sewer system for transportation and ultimate treatment at the Public Owned Treatment Works of the Erie Sewer Authority's wastewater treatment plant.



The project has been estimated at nearly \$1 million and will be cost shared between Greene Township (80%) and Millcreek Township Sewer Authority (20%). The planning, permitting applications and transportation/treatment agreements are being

worked on and will lead to construction in 2014. The Millcreek Township property owners within the project area along Route 8 (Wattsburg Road) will be assessed for their proportional cost of the project following completion of the construction.

A second example of Inter-Municipal Cooperation is the sanitary sewer flow metering Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Permanent Flow Metering which the Millcreek Township Sewer Authority and the city of Erie agreed upon in August. The MOU outlines items including ownership and maintenance of the meters and sites, equipment and software to be used and perhaps most important, both the city and Millcreek agreed to how the flow data generated will be readily available to each other and used for billing purposes. The cooperation and mutual respect between the staff members who negotiated the MOU was very much appreciated.

The final example being presented pertains to the Chemical Grouting of the sanitary sewer mains which was the subject of



our last article published in the Fall 2013 Edition of In Millcreek Magazine (Page 24). Millcreek Township Sewer Revenue Department and Millcreek Township Sewer Authority staff worked closely with the Harborcreek Township Sewer Authority staff to benefit from overall cost reductions by bidding the Chemical Grouting project together in order to achieve lower costs for each Authority. In addition, Millcreek Township Sewer Revenue Department staff conducted inspections on behalf of Harborcreek Township Sewer Authority looking for illegal connections to the sanitary sewer system in an effort to reduce or eliminate sources of inflow or

infiltration into Harborcreek's sanitary sewer system. Reductions in the volume of non-polluted ground or surface waters going into the city of Erie's sanitary sewer system helps all of the municipalities who share in the cost of the city operations at the Erie Wastewater Treatment Plant.

By working together for a common good, the Millcreek Township Sewer Authority enjoys a very professional working relationship with our municipal neighbors and continues to look for opportunities to partner in order to improve the environment in a cost effective manner.

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